

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Pope NRCS and Pope Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

order of priority

1. **Water resource protection**
 2. **Erosion control**
 3. **Grazing**
 4. **Invasive species control**
 5. **Wildlife habitat improvement**
 6. **Forest management**
 7. **Air quality**
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

TMDL listing within Pope County

1. **Ashley Creek (DO)**
 2. **Chippewa River (Turbidity/Fecal coliform)**
 3. **Eutrophic lakes: Reno; Leven; Ann; Pelican; Malmedal; Gilchrist; Emily; Strandness; Trappers Run.**
3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.
 1. **Water Resource Protection**
 2. **Erosion Control**
 3. **Grazing**
 4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
 1. **Is application located within a priority area and provides some water quality improvements?**
 2. **Does application provide water quality improvements and is it within 1,000 feet of protected water?**
 3. **Will sheet and rill erosion be reduced by 2 tons/acre/year?**
 4. **Will proposed practice reduce/eliminate gully or ephemereal erosion?**

5. Will pasture conditions improve as a result of applying proposed practice?

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

(1) 15 pts (2) 15 PTS (3) 10 PTS (4) 10 PTS (5) 8 PTS

6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Below is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date

December 2, 2008, LWG meeting held in USDA conference room, Glenwood MN. Participants included: Craig Bower, NRCS; Kyle Hansen, Pope SWCD; Ralph Peterson, SWCD supervisor; Keith Nygaard, Swcd supervisor; Mark Halls, SWCD supervisor; Steve Lawrence, director of county env srvs.